

ARIZONA STATE SENATE

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AMENDED FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1058

schools; learning materials; activities

<u>Purpose</u>

Requires district and charter schools to post a list of procedures used to review and approve learning materials and procedures by which a parent can review learning materials in advance.

Background

School district governing boards must develop a policy promoting the involvement of parents and guardians in their child's school. The policy must include procedures by which parents may learn about the course of study, review learning materials and activities or object to any learning material or activity (A.R.S. § 15-102).

Statute grants parents of students in a public educational institution the right to review any learning materials or activities. Parents may request to withdraw their student from a class or program if they object to any learning material or activity on the basis that the material or activity is harmful (A.R.S. § 15-113).

On written request, school personnel must make at least one copy of the instructional materials available for review by parents or guardians. Printed textbooks, supplementary books and subject matter materials can be taken by parents or guardians for review from school district premises for no longer than 48 hours (A.R.S. § 15-730).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

- 1. Requires each district and charter school to post, by August 21, 2021, on a prominent, publicly accessible portion of its website, a disclosure that includes:
 - a) procedures for the parent to review current learning materials and activities in advance, used for student instruction at the school; and
 - b) either:
 - i. a description of the procedures in effect for the principal or other staff to review or approve lesson plans or learning materials and activities used for student instruction; or
 - ii. a statement that no procedures for the principal or other staff to review or approve lesson plans and learning materials and activities are in effect.

- 2. Requires district or charter schools with procedures in effect for the principal or other staff to review or approve lesson plans or learning materials and activities to post, by August 21, 2021, and July 1 each year after following the completion of the school year, at least one of the following:
 - a) a copy of the lesson plans or a listing of the learning materials and activities submitted to the principal or other staff by instructors in the current year; or
 - b) a list of learning materials and activities used for student instruction in the current year organized, at minimum by subject and grade, including:
 - i. textbooks and required reading materials;
 - ii. videos and digital materials;
 - iii. websites and online applications;
 - iv. grade-level or schoolwide assemblies and guest lectures; and
 - v. other educational events facilitated by the public education institution's staff and outside individuals or organizations.
- 3. Allows posted lesson plan copies or lists of learning materials and activities to be posted on an ongoing basis before prescribed dates.
- 4. Requires posted lesson plan copies and lists of learning materials and activities to remain accessible on the school website for at least 12 months.
- 5. Specifies that posted lists of learning materials and activities:
 - a) should include only information necessary to identify the specific material or activity, including the title, author, organization or internet address; and
 - b) do not need to include the digital reproduction of the materials or activities or the separate reporting of individual components of materials produced as a single volume.
- 6. Requires district and charter schools to provide a table of contents or internet address that discloses the discrete works and authors contained in a digital volume containing multiple authors on a posted list of learning materials and activities.
- 7. Allows district or charter schools to use collaborative online documents or spreadsheet software that allow multiple authorized users to update or make additions to posted lists on an ongoing basis.
- 8. Grants the parents of prospective students of a public educational institution the right to review learning materials and activities in advance.
- 9. Defines *lesson plan* as the daily, weekly or other routinely produced guide, description or outline of the instruction to be provided by a teacher to students at the school, including resources, exercises or assessments that promote student learning.
- 10. Defines *procedures or processes* as procedures or processes that may vary by subject area or grade.
- 11. Defines *parent* as the parent of a current or prospective student.

- 12. Defines used for student instruction as:
 - a) assigned, distributed or otherwise presented to students in any course for which students receive academic credit;
 - b) any educational capacity which the public educational institution requires participation from the student body or a majority of students in a given grade level; or
 - c) learning materials or activities from which students are required to choose one or more from a selection of specific titles.
- 13. Makes technical and conforming changes.
- 14. Becomes effective on the general effective date, retroactive to August 1, 2021.

Amendments Adopted by Committee

- 1. Removes the requirement to include learning materials and activities on the annual list posted by each school and removes related exemptions and requirements.
- 2. Requires district and charter schools to post all procedures by which a parent can have access in advance to review the current learning materials and activities.
- 3. Grants parents of prospective students the right to review learning materials and activities in advance and defines *parent*.

Amendments Adopted by Committee of the Whole

- 1. Requires district and charter schools to post either:
 - a) a description of procedures or processes in place for school staff to review learning materials and activities; or
 - b) a statement that no such procedures exist.
- 2. Directs district and charter schools that post a description of procedures to post either:
 - a) a copy of the lesson plans or a list of learning materials and activities used on lesson plans in the current year; or
 - b) a list of learning materials and activities for the current year with prescribed components.
- 3. Specifies components not required to be included on posted lists and outlines posting methods.
- 4. Requires initial postings to be made by August 1, 2021, and specified postings by July 1 each year thereafter.
- 5. Modifies prescribed definitions.

Senate Action

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